



UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Introduction

The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council (USYD-CSC) Postgraduate Research Scholarship allows high-calibre postgraduate research students from selected universities in the People's Republic of China to carry out full-degree PhD studies at the University of Sydney. Upon successful completion of the program, students will graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

Scholarship Benefits

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship provides the following benefits:

- a. Tuition scholarship to cover tuition fees (course fees);
- b. Living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (currently approx. AUD \$22,800 pa¹);
- c. Minimum cost international airfare from China to Sydney, and return on expiry of the scholarship;
- d. Cost of an Australian student visa application fee;
- e. Cost of Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the scholarship.

The tuition scholarship is provided by the University of Sydney.

All other benefits are provided by the China Scholarship Council (visit the CSC website for details: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>).

Applicants should note that the scholarship does not cover compulsory subscription fees, Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fees, student union/association membership/activity fees, or costs other than those specifically outlined above.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants:

- must be citizens of the People's Republic of China, and must not be currently working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- must not be aged over 35 years at the time of application;
- should be eligible to enter PhD studies at the University of Sydney without further preparatory study²;
- must meet the University of Sydney's English language proficiency requirements for admission³, must satisfy the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection requirements for the issue of a student visa for postgraduate research⁴;
- must complete a formal application for admission to a PhD program at the University of Sydney and receive a Conditional or Unconditional Admission Offer;
- must be offered a tuition fee scholarship by the University of Sydney; and
- should satisfy any additional selection criteria set out by the China Scholarship Council⁵.

¹ Applicants should verify the current rate with the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

² University of Sydney PhD admission criteria:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/academic.shtml

³ University of Sydney English language proficiency requirements:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/entry_requirements/english_language.shtml

⁴ Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection : <http://www.border.gov.au/>

⁵ China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

How to Apply

Applying for a USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is a three-stage process. Applicants must complete all three stages, as follows:

- (1) Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney
- (2) Application for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship
- (3) Application for support from the China Scholarship Council

Stage 1: Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney

Candidates must lodge an application for admission to a PhD program, following the admission procedure:

1. Read the information for **Future Students** on the University of Sydney website about how to apply for a PhD:
[How to apply - The University of Sydney](#)
2. Contact a potential academic supervisor at the University of Sydney in order to discuss your research interest. You should provide information about your academic background and your research interest. This may be done by providing a CV, academic transcript and research proposal. You can search for a supervisor using **Research Supervisor Connect** on the University of Sydney website:
[Research Supervisor Connect - The University of Sydney](#)

Special procedures for Business and Law students:

*Students applying to the **Sydney Business School** should contact business.pgresearch@sydney.edu.au*

*Students applying to the **Sydney Law School** should first complete an Expression of Interest: [Admission to Research Programs @ Sydney Law School - Future students - The University of Sydney](#)*

3. After you have secured a supervisor and your supervisor has approved your research proposal, you can complete a **Postgraduate Research Application**. You can apply online by selecting your PhD program at <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/>

The average processing time for a PhD Admission Application, once received at the University of Sydney, is six to eight weeks. Some applications may take longer to process, particularly where documentation provided is insufficient. Please note, an application does not guarantee admission at the University of Sydney – applicants are competitive and will be considered based on each applicant's academic merit and the priorities of each faculty or school.

A PhD Admission Application for USYD-CSC scholarship applicants must be lodged no later than **15 December** for commencement in Research Period 3 (July) the following year.

The University cannot guarantee that PhD applications lodged after 15 December will be assessed and issued with a Conditional or Unconditional Admission offer in time for USYD tuition fee scholarship consideration.

Receipt of a Conditional or Unconditional Admission Offer to a PhD program does not automatically grant you a tuition fee scholarship. You must apply to be considered for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship.

Stage 2: Application for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship

You must apply for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship by submitting an [Online Application Form](#).

You can only apply for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship once you have received a conditional or unconditional offer of admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney (see **Stage 1: Application for admission to a PhD at the University of Sydney**)

You must submit your application for a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship **by 11.59pm AEST (8.59pm Beijing time), on the 8 February 2021.**

An application does not guarantee a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship – applications are competitive and will be considered based on each applicant's academic merit and the priorities of the University of Sydney. Successful applicants will receive a letter offering the USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship in March. The awarding of a USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship will be contingent upon the applicant also receiving support from the China Scholarship Council for living costs.

Stage 3: Application to the China Scholarship Council

Candidates must have the support of the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for living costs.

1. Complete a CSC Application Form and the necessary Employer Reference Form(s). These forms can be obtained from the China Scholarship Council: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>
2. Submit your completed CSC Application Form, a copy of your completed University of Sydney PhD application and a copy of your USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship letter.

Refer to The China Scholarship Council's website for the application deadline <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>

Application Outcome

The China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney will collaborate to identify applicants who are successful in receiving both scholarships. The University of Sydney will then issue a new Unconditional Admission Offer to successful applicants. The applicant will need to accept the new admission offer in order to receive the electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE) which will be required when applying for student visa.

Scholarship Conditions

The USYD–CSC Postgraduate Research Scholarship is awarded under the following conditions:

- a. The tuition fee component of the Scholarship may be held for up to three (3) years. This period may be extended to three and half (3.5) years in individual cases, subject to the approval of the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney. No further extension of the tuition fee component of the Scholarship is available.
- b. The duration of the stipend component of the Scholarship will be determined by the China Scholarship Council. However the student must hold the tuition fee component of the Scholarship for the duration of the stipend component of the Scholarship.
- c. The scholarship must commence on the date specified in the formal letter of offer, unless the University of Sydney approves otherwise.
- d. The scholarship is renewed annually on the recommendation of the Head of School/Department at the University of Sydney, subject to the award holder's satisfactory performance.
- e. The award of a scholarship of any kind does not guarantee the award of a degree. The award holder must demonstrate satisfactory progress, meeting all requirements for candidature and assessment, in order to successfully complete and qualify for his or her degree.
- f. The award holder may conduct up to 12 months (up to 18 months for students of anthropology and other special cases) of his or her research in China, subject to the approval of the University of Sydney. The award holder must remain enrolled at the University of Sydney while conducting research overseas.
- g. The award holder may apply to suspend his or her scholarship in extenuating circumstances. Any such

- application will be jointly considered by the China Scholarship Council and the University of Sydney.
- h. The award holder may engage in part-time employment to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per week, including work performed on evenings, weekends and holidays, subject to the terms of the award holder's student visa⁶, and provided such employment does not interfere with the award holder's study and progress.
 - i. The award holder must return to China upon completion or termination of the scholarship.
 - j. The University of Sydney asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of the scholarship, subject to the University's Intellectual Property Rule⁷.

Further Information

[Faculties and schools - The University of Sydney](#)

University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Applications

[Your Enquiry - Sydney Student - The University of Sydney](#)

TIMELINE FOR USYD–CSC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

University of Sydney PhD Admission Application due	15 December for July (Research Period 3) next year intake
USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship application opening date	November to January for next year intake
USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship application closing date	8 February 2021
Outcome of USYD Tuition Fee Scholarship application	End of February
China Scholarship Council application deadline (main round)	March
Research Period 3 commences	1 July

⁶ Visa requirements can be verified with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: <http://www.border.gov.au/>

⁷ University of Sydney Intellectual Property Rule: <http://sydney.edu.au/policies/>